Kellogg Creek Restoration and Community Enhancement Project Restoring Habitat, Creating Fish Passage, Strengthening Community, and Updating Infrastructure Update #9

MAY 2023

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Milwaukie (City), North Clackamas Watersheds Council (NCWC), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and American Rivers (AR) with project partners, have initiated a <u>multi-benefit</u> <u>project</u>. The project will create fish passage into the Kellogg-Mt. Scott watershed, restore lower Kellogg Creek and its floodplain through the City of Milwaukie, improve long-term community resiliency and access to nature, while modernizing vulnerable multi-modal transportation infrastructure. Private, local, state, and federal funding has been secured to complete all pre-construction activities. The project is in Phase 1.

MAY SUMMARY

Outreach –

- Outreach to adjacent landowners and a news release were completed to provide public about the upcoming Phase 1 sediment sampling work.
- NCWC began development of the Confluence Environmental Center AmeriCorps position description and began recruitment of an AmeriCorps member to assist with outreach beginning fall 2023.

Design –

- A contract modification was finalized with Inter-Fluve to retain a geotechnical subconsultant, GRI.
- Planning continued for a Phase 1 supplemental geotechnical and sediment sampling investigation to be conducted by GRI within the impoundment. The results from the investigation will inform restoration design elements.
- GRI completed site reconnaissance and began development of an Exploration Work Plan.
- The draft Sediment Sampling and Analysis Plan was informally reviewed by the Portland Sediment Evaluation Team lead, providing feedback to inform Phase 1 sediment sampling and analysis.
- Discussions continued with ODEQ related to sediment management.

Permitting –

Five regulatory permit or approval applications were submitted with five approvals granted authorizing the Phase 1 Geotechnical sampling in the impoundment. These include: ODSL General Authorization, Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit, City of Milwaukie ROW, NCPRD Special Use Permit for Kronberg Park, and TriMet Temporary Access Approval.

Monitoring –

- NCWC submitted a grant proposal to PGE's Salmon Habitat Support Fund for eDNA monitoring of freshwater mussels in the dam impoundment. This will identify if mussels are in the impoundment area and determine if more detailed surveys and relocation strategies need to be developed. A decision is expected this summer.
- NCWC installed temperature monitoring probes to monitor summer water temperature at the project site.

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JUNE NEXT STEPS

- The Phase 1 supplemental geotechnical and sediment sampling investigation is anticipated to occur next month. This will be contingent on access and flow levels.
- The Community Engagement Plan will be refined with input from Unite Oregon, CEC, ODOT, and City engagement representatives.
- An AmeriCorps Member via the Confluence Environmental Center will be recruited to assist with community engagement and outreach.
- The Leadership Team will identify support for a preferred restoration alternative, so Interfluve can advance modeling and design of the restoration element.